

Tornado

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On March 2, 2012 at 7 pm there was a tornado warning in effect for Magoffin County. Officials of the National Weather Service said, “ it was Straight line winds that caused the destruction. It effected my life in ways, 1. School, 2.Homes, 3. The City of Salyersville.

The first effect of the tornado is the Magoffin county school district. After the tornado the Salyersville Grade school moved to the school behind the Magoffin county board of education. Also, after the tornado the Herald Whitaker middle School was damaged beyond repair so the middle school had to move up the hill to the Magoffin County High School. Then after two years the Salyersville Grade School had been rebuild and has moved back in to the old building. But unfortunately the Herald Whitaker Middle School is still at the High School building. The county is building a High School on the Mountain Parkway.

The Second effect of the tornado is the destruction of homes. My home was damage-free but I had no electric until about 2:30am on March 3, 2012, and I was will out water until about 10:00am on March 4,2012. A lot of homes that was in Salyersville was damaged or destroyed. Also, a lot of people were will out electric or water for days or a week. People moved away from our small town and never moved back.

The third effect of the tornado was the town itself. Restaurants like McDonalds or Dairy Queen or Arby’s was not open for days or weeks or never opened again. And some grocery stores like IGA or Save-A-Lot had not opened again until 2-5 days after the tornado. Plus, A lot of gas stations were damaged and it took weeks to open again.

In, conclusion the Magoffin county tornado affected every person who lived in the county in someway. From their school or their homes or the town itself. Also, this affected Herald Whitaker Middle School the most because its destroyed and the school had to move to the High School building.